

BULGARIA

Bulgaria is bordered by Serbia and Macedonia on the west, Romania on the north, Greece and Turkey on the south and the Black Sea on the east. A combination of culture with Greek, Slavic, Ottoman and Persian influences, it has a rich heritage of traditional dance, music, costumes and crafts.

Sofia is the capital of the Balkan nation of Bulgaria. It is in the west of the country. The currency is Bulgarian lev and the official language is Bulgarian.

Indo-Bulgarian ties have traditionally been close and friendly. Diplomatic relations were established in 1954.

Trade statistics:(in Million US \$)

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<i>Indian imports</i>	17.50	32.60	76.20	78.20	25.40	57.60	88.40	43.80	43.50	64.90
<i>Indian exports</i>	21.80	27.90	84.10	85.50	69.60	64.30	85.30	96.40	164.10	153.40
Total	39.30	60.50	160.30	163.70	95.00	121.90	173.70	140.20	207.60	218.30

(source: Indian Embassy)

Exports to Bulgaria:

Organic chemical, unmanufactured tobacco, medicaments, electric parts, wool, paving blocks, slabs, bricks, polymers of propylene, ferro alloys.

Major Bulgarian Exports to India :

Laboratory instruments & apparatus; animal feeding preparations; craft paper; radio-broadcasting apparatus; aluminium waste & scrap; medicaments; machinery for working rubber or plastics; copper waste & scrap; engines & motors.

Cluster:

Bulgarian Cluster for Information and Communication Technologies (ICT Cluster) Electric Vehicles Industrial Clusters (EVIC) Cluster Mechatronics and Automation Bulgaria Srednogorie Med Industrial Cluster Cluster Microelectronics and Embedded Systems Bulgarian Cluster Telecommunications Bulgarian Furniture Cluster Marine Cluster Bulgaria Cluster for Health Tourism Bulgaria Information and Communication Technologies Cluster Plovdiv Automotive Cluster Specialized Cluster and Institute for Clothing and Textile - Dunav

(Bulgarian Association of Business Clusters)

Indian companies:

Sutherland Global Services

IBM, Elder Pharmaceuticals

Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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